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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.—MATTHEW v: 16.

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MURDEROUS APACHES.

THE following is a special to the Ogden *Standard*, from Colonia Juarez Mexico, bearing date November 28:

The Deming *Head Light* contains an account of the killing of two Mexican officers by the Apaches. The account states that fifty Mexican soldiers were sent out from Palomis to intercept Captain Kid and his band of thirteen warriors on their way back to the Sierra Madre mountains. While traveling along the foot hills about sixty-eight miles southwest from Palomis, the soldiers were ambushed by the Indians and the two officers in charge who were traveling in advance of their party were shot through the head and the soldiers completely routed, the Indians retreating into the mountains. The officers killed were sent to Chihuahua for burial, and the government was notified; whereupon, an order was issued for five hundred men to be dispatched immediately to the mountains, to be stationed near the colonies of Pacheco and Juarez.

Last Saturday Helaman Pratt and your correspondent started for the mountain colonies for the purpose of assisting in locating forts and plans of protection in times of danger where the families of the colonists could be gathered and guarded by a few men, thus leaving others to assist in repelling attacks. Leaving here about six o'clock we soon reached the mountains and began the assent, traveling all night through forests and pines, deep canyons and beautiful little valleys.

We arrived at Pacheco at four o'clock next morning. After a few hours' rest at the house of Bishop Jesse N. Smith, Jr., we met with the people at their noon services. As the hour of meeting arrived, I was very forcibly reminded of pictures I have seen of the early settlers of America attending church. Each family as they came out of their homes was guarded by the male members, armed with Winchester rifles and pistols, and when

the congregation had all gathered, each corner of the little church was stacked with rifles.

After consulting with the people it was unanimously decided to erect a stockade fence of pine trees with stone bastians on each corner around the schoolhouse, thus making a fort 100 x 125 feet. In the evening in company with Bishop Smith and Bishop Henry Lunt, late of Cedar City, Utah, we went to Corrales, and the people there decided to build a fort on a little hill overlooking all the houses. Monday morning Bishop Smith accompanied us over to Cave Valley, the headquarters of the Apaches when in the Sierra Madre mountains. Here the people decided to fortify immediately and bring in all scattered families.

The mountain settlements and the colonies of Juarez each now have a military organization of well armed men with complete outfits divided into companies of tens with a captain over each ten, and are called out twice a month for drill and target practice.

After meeting with the peopleof Cave Valley, Helaman Pratt and I rode over to visit the celebrated caves. Hitching our horses in a little clump of cherry trees near the river, with rifle in hand we began climbing the mountain just below one of the principal caves. Trails leading up the mountain are worn into the solid rock over a foot deep. This cave is about fifteen feet high. In the mouth is a large olla built for holding grain, just back of which the cave is divided off into compartments with port holes and windows. These rooms extend back hundreds of feet, and it is said that one of them contains a large olla of several thousands of gallons capacity, nicely sealed and its contents are a mystery to all visitors but on account of the lateness of the evening and not knowing if Captain Kid intended recruiting up in these caves for a few days, we concluded to wait till a more favorable time for visiting the interior. In the mouth of this cave is a pool containing about ten gallons of clear cold water supplied by a little spring coming out of the rocks immediately above. On the opposite side of the canyon are other large caves located higher up in the mountains and from which a large mummy was taken a few years ago by a company of scientific men from the United States.

Next morning we visited another large cave, riding our horses into the mouth of it. This cave like the other one is well forted up inside and is so arranged that the entire canyon leading up to it can be covered with a few rifles from the fort's interior. A small body of well armed men with supplies in these caves could defy the entire Mexican army.

Dr. Maeser of the B. Y. Academy made us a visit last week and organized Church schools. In Juarez he was surprised to find a well graded free school supported entirely by the people. JOSEPH C. BENTLEY.

THE OLDEST CONDUCTOR.

SOME time ago *The Standard* published the announcement, through Secretary McDaniel of the Utah World's Fair Commission, that the oldest conductor in the world lived in American Fork, Utah, and the letters of inquiries from the east regarding the matter. Secretary McDaniel, has looked the matter up, and forwarded the papers necessary to the

proper parties. In reply, he has received the following letter from Third Vice-President Pangley of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad:

"Thank you for your kindness and interest to the extent of seeing the gentleman who claims to be the first conductor, or guard, who ever ran on a railroad in the world, and to obtain from him copies of his papers for the purpose of forwarding them to me. I assure you of my hearty appreciation of your hearty co-operation, and trust to have an opportunity to reciprocate."

The old veteran's grandson writes from American Fork to Secretary McDaniel, in a letter dated November 28, as follows:

"My grandfather informs me that you telegraphed him a few days ago in regard to the World's Fair. He claims to have run as guard on the first day the train ran between Manchester and Liverpool. He says the Duke of Wellington's train ran a round trip in the morning, during which Mr. Huskisson was killed. On the second run, in the afternoon of the same day, he claims to have taken charge of the train. That was on September 15, 1830. His memory is very good on matters connected with the road. He takes a pride in telling of the same. His watch has the following engraved on the inside of the lid: 'Manchester and Liverpool Railway to Edward Robinson in token of regard from the directors, 1842.' This was given him on leaving to come to America. He served twelve years. He is 85 years old. His number on the road was '8.' His health is generally good."

The old gentleman will doubtless be an honored guest of the railroads at their exhibit at the World's Fair.—*Ogden Standard.*

SOME ALARMING VITAL STATISTICS.

In the course of the report drawn up by the committee of the Chamber to which the French Government Bill for "the Protection of the Public Health" was referred, some very striking, not to say alarming, statistics are adduced to demonstrate the urgent necessity of such a measure. The report states that while the number of births is decreasing the rate of mortality is actually increasing, and the number of marriages is also decreasing. Thus, in 1890, the last year for which the returns are available, there were 42,520 fewer births than in 1889, and 99,885 fewer than in 1883, while the number of marriages declined during the same period from 289,555 to 269,332, the decrease in both cases being a constant one. Upon the other hand, the number of deaths had been steadily increasing, from 828,828 in 1881 to 876,505 in 1890. The report of the committee goes on to point out that the decrease in the rate of natality is not peculiar to France though in other countries it is not so great, having declined from 34.7 to 30.2 per 1,000 in England, from 31.5 to 28.7 in Belgium, and from 38.9 to 35.7 in the German Empire, whereas in France the decrease is from 25 to 21.8 per 1,000. The rate of mortality in France is 22 per 1,000, or about three more than in England, and it is particularly high among infants, being no less than 167 per 1,000, so that of the 800,000 children born in France during 1890 something like 135,000 failed to reach their first birthday.—*Court Circular.*

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THE EDITOR'S RETROSPECT.

THIS number closes the fifty-fourth volume of the MILLENNIAL STAR. Its pages are filled with accounts of the miraculous work of God among His children. Of all the great developments which science and art have brought to light in this the nineteenth century, none are so wonderful and grand as the restoration of the Church of Christ.

Dwells there a people upon the earth who are the chosen of the Lord, and the recipients of His peculiar providences to a remarkable degree—a people so blessed that strangers gaze with astonishment in beholding the marvelous deliverances wrought out for them on sea and land? Yea! The Church of Christ exists, with all its powers and blessings; the same privileges are enjoyed by its followers as were enjoyed by those who followed the meek and lowly Jesus when He was upon the earth. The followers of Christ were taught to seek that which was good, and to maintain a firm hold on all truths; to be loving and charitable unto all men; to shun sin in every form.

The annals of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are full of the miraculous dealings of God with His people. Contained in the revelations of the Lord, given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1829, it is written: "Behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men!" A wonderful prophecy, and wonderfully has it been fulfilled. Even the Prophet was amazed at this declaration, and his friends—who believed that he had seen visions—entertained but a faint idea of the marvels subsequently unfolded unto them in the development of this latter-day work.

Thousands of Elders have testified to this generation that the primitive Church is restored; that the power of God is manifested; that "The blind see; the lame walk; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; to the poor the Gospel is preached."

Cotemporary with the events of crowning Queen Victoria, and laying the railroad track from Liverpool to Manchester in 1837, is chronicled the landing of Heber C. Kimball and other Elders in the city of Liverpool. These messengers from the Throne of Grace brought with them the everlasting Gospel to preach unto the British nation, in fulfillment of the

prophecy that "the Gospel shall be preached in all the world." Subsequently other Elders arrived upon these Islands, and in the year 1840 the first number of this periodical was issued. An emigration office was opened, and companies of Latter-day Saints were sent to join their brethren, who were then busily engaged building the city of Nauvoo, situated in Hancock County, State of Illinois, U. S. A.

It is frequently asked, "What claims have the 'Mormons' to the title of 'Saint,' and do they enjoy special blessings not granted unto other people?" We reply, emphatically, they do enjoy special blessings, and that God's watchful care has been over them, and He has safely brought them through all their trials up to the present time. It is written, "God preserveth the way of his Saints: these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand."

The cholera scare at New York caused the people there to adopt stringent quarantine regulations, which have inflicted great hardships upon emigrants going from these shores, and to shipping firms doing business in Europe. It is altogether likely that the Asiatic cholera will break out with the coming of the spring along the Atlantic coast. The struggle was a desperate one in America, but the vigilance of the authorities in that country was in vain, as the seeds of that terrible scourge have been transplanted from the old to the new world.

In conformity with the cables received from President Wilford Woodruff, we forwarded those people who had given up their employment, expecting to emigrate. All reached their destination in safety, although one company was detained in quarantine for a short period. The steamship *Wyoming*, of the Guion line, sailed from this port November 19, 1892, having on board a company of Latter-day Saints, the last of this year's emigration.

Since the year 1840, 396 vessels have sailed from these shores, carrying thousands of Latter-day Saints to a land where, by their sobriety and industry, they have accumulated around them the comforts of home. Nearly a quarter of a million of the seed of Ephraim and Manassa, sailing in the vast fleet of vessels, have gone from the bondage and poverty of the old world, to dwell under their own vine and fig tree in the new. Had some philanthropist accomplished this great work and left God out of the question, kings would have vied with each other in showering well-earned honors upon him. But a Prophet of God, inspired by the Holy Ghost to wear out his life in ameliorating the wretched condition of the down-trodden of the nations, is spurned; and those who join him in his laudable efforts are despised, and their lives often destroyed.

Since the year 1840, thousands of vessels have been wrecked, and vast multitudes of people have found a watery grave in the mighty deep. But no vessel carrying Latter-day Saint emigrants has met with disaster; and of the 396 vessels which have borne the chosen people of the Lord across the stormy sea, not one has failed to reach its destined port. All have safely disembarked their precious human freight.

A pure love for the Gospel of Christ inspired these emigrants to forsake

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(Summarized from Territorial papers.)

The Salt Lake *Evening Times* has suspended publication.

The public schools of Santaquin have been closed in consequence of diphtheria.

Frank Jennings and Margery Dwyer were united in marriage by Bishop Whitney on the night of November 30.

The Utah Soap company has began the erection of a new factory on their property on Fourth West Street. The building will be of brick, 64 x 150, and two stories high. A boiler house and warehouse will also be built, and also a brick warehouse, which will be 80 x 40 feet. William Carroll is the architect.

Davis, the wife murderer, convicted and sentenced at Provo will be shot in the Utah Penitentiary yard on December 30, unless a reprieve or new trial is granted. The prisoner does not seem very much impressed with the short lease of life given him, as he is confident that his lawyers will secure for him a new trial.

Elder Low Young, son of J. W. Young, has returned from a two and a half year's mission to Australia, looking well and hearty. He reports that Elder Brig Smoot, who has been laboring for three and a half years as a missionary in the South Sea Islands, is now at the Sandwich Islands, and will sail for home December 7.

POETRY.

A HELPING HAND.

A helping hand we all may give,
If but a pleasant word to say,
And something find each day we live,
To help another on the way.

A helping hand may sow the seed
From which the fruits of goodness grow,
And to the light may gently lead
The erring from the path of woe.

A helping hand to all mankind,
Among the rich, the poor and low,
In every state of life to find,
An act of kindness to bestow.

A helping hand we all may need,
When darkest sorrows leave their trace,
Some one to comfort and to lead,
To give us strength and heavenly grace.

A helping hand where e'er we go,
A ray of sunshine may impart,
And but a deed of kindness show
A noble and a generous heart.

A helping hand is ever near,
In passing through life's troubled tide;
When all the world seems cold and drear,
It is a never failing guide.

SELECTED.

DIED.

ALDER.—In Franklin, Idaho, September 25, 1892, George Alder. Deceased was born in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England, January 19, 1818. He leaves a wife and one daughter besides a large circle of relatives and friends.

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The record of the year 1892, is made. The old year has gone with its imperishable history written. Good and bad, all have passed into the womb of eternity, without the possibility of erasure, or addition thereto, so far as man is concerned. The experiences of Elders preaching the Gospel to this generation has not brought them beds of roses, though they preach only God's truths. They may say with Paul: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed: perplexed, but not in despair: persecuted, but not forsaken: cast down, but not destroyed." For the hand of God is over His servants, the Latter-day Saints, and those who will obey Him, must be gathered from all nations and go up to that land of Zion, which has been dedicated as a place where they can receive instruction, and worship God with a full purpose of heart.

God never has, and never will, withhold His blessings from the diligent worker in His cause. I feel to congratulate all my brethren who are co-laborers with me in the British Isles, and on the continent. The missions are in an excellent condition, and the workers therein, energetic, God-fearing Latter-day Saints, so far as I know. The Lord, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to remove two of our brethren, Elders Cannon and Haag, from their missionary labors. 'Twas a sad blow to their dear ones at home, and our hearts went out in sympathy to them. Elders Cannon and Haag were exemplary young men in every sense of the word and they died while engaged in the work of the Lord. To what greater honor could they have attained? They have gained the reward for which we are all striving; they are crowned with life eternal.

To the Saints in all lands, we extend the compliments of the season and wish them A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

ARRIVALS.—On Sunday, December 18, the Guion steamship *Wyoming* arrived in Liverpool, after a pleasant voyage of eleven days, having on board Elders Nephi L. Morris, Wilford S. Barnes of Salt Lake City, and Alfred Smurthwaite of Ogden, for the British Mission; Enoch H. Lewis of Logan, for the Swiss and German Mission; and Richard N. Hill and James H. Hadfield of Smithfield, for the Netherlands. All were well. Those for the continent proceeded on their journey.

APPOINTMENTS.—Elder Alfred Smurthwaite is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Newcastle Conference.

Elder Nephi L. Morris is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Manchester Conference.

Elder Wilford S. Barnes is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the London Conference.

BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE NOTICE.—The Birmingham Conference will be held at Hunters' Vale, off Farm Street, Hockley, on Sunday, January 22, 1893. Meetings will commence at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Searchers after truth are invited.